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**MANCHESTER MAN CONVICTED OF FEDERAL
COCAINE DISTRIBUTION CHARGES**

Re: United States v. Shawn Roberts

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and N.H. State Police Colonel Gary Sloper announced that **Shawn Roberts**, date of birth, August 13, 1972, of Manchester, NH was convicted today of federal cocaine distribution charges.

ROBERTS was arrested by State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit detectives on October 28, 2002, after delivering an ounce of powder cocaine to a cooperating State Police informant. A subsequent search of his home at 153 Orange St. in Manchester revealed an additional 180 grams of cocaine, just under a kilo of marijuana, drug distribution materials, and over \$17,000 in apparent drug proceeds.

ROBERTS entered his guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Steven McAuliffe, who immediately detained him without bail pending his July 1, 2003 sentencing hearing in U.S. District Court in Concord. ROBERTS faces a potential maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment. ROBERTS also forfeited over \$17,000 to authorities.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "This case demonstrates our office's commitment to aggressively prosecuting drug traffickers, including the street-level cocaine dealers operating in Manchester and New Hampshire's other larger cities. This office will continue to commit federal resources to these efforts."

The conviction resulted from an investigation conducted by the N.H. State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.